

# Volunteers Make Trails Happen!



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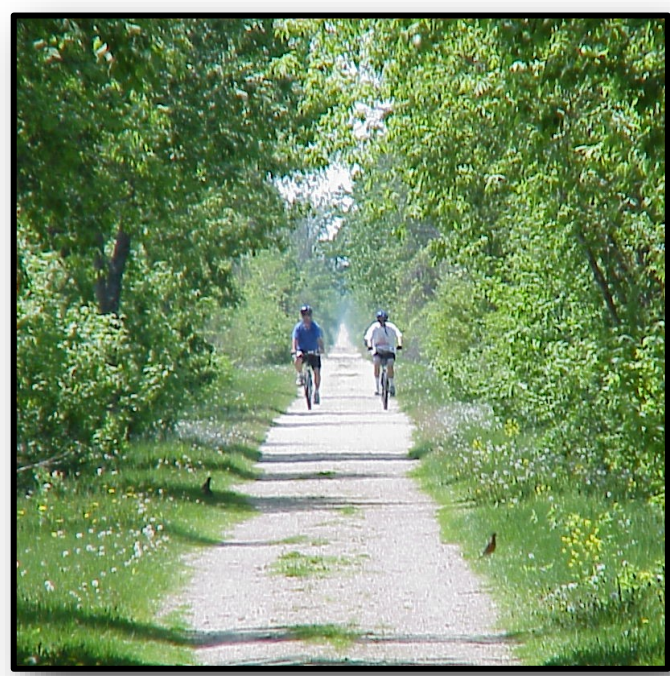
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## Adopt-A-Trail



- Eisenbahn Trail
- Mascoutin Trail
- Northwestern Trail
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- Peebles Trail
- Prairie Trail
- Wild Goose Trail

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Adopt-A-Trail Application and Permit

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**Notice:** Information requested on this form is required for any individual or organization who wishes to volunteer services as an Adopt-A-Trail sponsor. Fond du Lac County will not consider your application unless you provide complete information requested. Completion of this form constitutes an agreement with Fond du Lac County. Personally identifiable information collected will be used for the park trail administration and enforcement purposes and may also be made available to requesters as required under Wisconsin Open Records law [ss. 19.31 - 19.39, Wis. Stats.].

**Instructions:** Send completed form to the Fond du Lac County Parks Dept., 160 S. Macy Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935.

Sponsor Information

Sponsor Name

Organization Type

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Sponsor Name as it Should Appear on the Sign

(14 spaces on each of the two lines)

Contact Person Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number (include area code)

Email Address

Trail Information

Number of People Participating in Each Activity Day

Number of Activity Days Sponsor Plans to Schedule this Year (minimum 3)

Name of Trail Property You Are Interested In Adopting

Trail Name (Attach trail map if available)

From

To

First Choice:

Second Choice:

Signature

By signing below, the Sponsor acknowledges the nature of the work and agrees to all terms and conditions stated on the back of this application.

Signature of Authorized Representative (Must be 18 years or older)

Title

Date Signed

Leave Blank – County Use Only

Permit Approval

Fond du Lac County approves this permit for the Sponsor to participate in the Adopt-A-Trail program for the segment identified above. This permit is valid on this segment of the trail for the time period listed below. This permit is renewable annually with written notice from the County Parks Dept. Fond du Lac County reserves the right to modify or cancel this permit at any time.

Effective Date

Ending Date

Signature of County Representative

Date Signed



### Terms and Conditions

1. Sponsors are to be considered volunteer and not officers, employees, or agents of Fond du Lac County. Any injuries, claims, liabilities, suits or costs relating to this permit shall be the sole responsibility of the Sponsors.
2. The Sponsor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Fond du Lac County from any injury, cost, suit, liability or award arising from the issuance or exercise of this permit, or because of any adverse effect upon any person or property attributed to the works of the Sponsor.
3. Participants in the group agree to obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such terms and conditions as may be required by Fond du Lac County for special conditions that may exist on a particular adopted trail segment.
4. Trail segments are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Sponsorship approvals are at the discretion of the County Parks Dept.
5. A minimum of one mile of a linear trail must be adopted. Other trail sponsorships will be assigned based on trail length. Trail segment sponsorships will not overlap. Each segment will be adopted by one sponsor at any given time. Sponsors will not work beyond their assigned trail segment limits.
6. Sponsors will participate in a minimum of three activity days per year. Activity dates are to be mutually agreeable to the Sponsors and the County Parks Dept. Sponsors agree to work during daylight hours only.
7. Sponsors will ensure there is one adult supervisor present for every 10 juveniles (under age 16).
8. The County Parks Dept. will supply safety vests and gloves. Trash bags for litter pickup and instructions for disposal of litter filled bags will also be provided. Recyclable items must be separated from non-recyclables. The Sponsors may keep any recyclable materials.
9. Requests for additional supplies and materials should be directed to the County Parks Dept. The Sponsors must return unused supplies and materials furnished by the County Parks Dept. upon completion of the activity.
10. Any "lost and found" items must be returned to the County Parks Dept.
11. Closed containers or items suspected to be hazardous should not be touched. Any items/situations found by the Sponsors which need further attention from the property staff should be brought to the attention of the County Parks Dept.
12. Approved vehicle parking will be arranged with the County Parks Dept. No motor vehicles will be allowed on any trail unless specifically authorized by the County Parks Dept.
13. If an Adopt-A-Trail sponsor wishes to be recognized, Fond du Lac County will post a County approved sign at each end of the Sponsor's segment of trail. Sponsors will need to provide an appropriate & legible logo to the County for the sign. The location of these signs is at the discretion of the County. Fond du Lac County reserves the right to refuse or revise acronyms of group names when preparing signs.
14. Partisan political groups (groups of people with common political opinions and purposes organized for gaining political influence, governmental control and for directing government policies) shall not be permitted to participate in the Adopt-A-Trail program.

# Adopt-A-Trail

Individuals or groups may adopt a trail or segment of a trail by volunteering their time to help keep the trail clean and safe. Approved Adopt-a-Trail sponsors and permittees can:

- Collect litter and perform minor trail maintenance.
- Assist with the control of invasive species and planting of native species.
- Record and report to the County Parks Dept. any major or hazardous trail obstructions.
- Properly dispose of recyclable materials.
- Gather and return any "lost and found" items to the Fond du Lac County Parks Dept. office.



### Available Trails & Mileage:

- Eisenbahn Trail (12 miles)
- Mascoutin Trail (22 miles)
- Northwestern Trail (2.5 miles)
- Old Plank Road Trail (12.2 miles)
- Peebles Trail (5.6 miles)
- Prairie Trail (7 miles)
- Wild Goose Trail (13.5 miles)

Adopt-A-Trail sponsors may choose from more than 75 miles of trails in the Fond du Lac County trails system.

## How to Adopt a Trail

1. Fill out the attached "Adopt-A-Trail Application and Permit" and return to the Fond du Lac County Parks Dept.
2. The County Parks Dept. will review the permit and notify you of approval.
3. After your permit is approved, you can begin working on your trail. Discuss with the County Parks Dept. the dates and times you will be out on the trail.
4. The County Parks Dept. will post two Adopt-A-Trail signs to recognize your sponsorship.



Adopt-A-Trail sponsors adopt at least 1 mile of trail and participate in at least three activity days per year.